



GOD'S LOVE

Wait

GRACE NOLL GROWELL

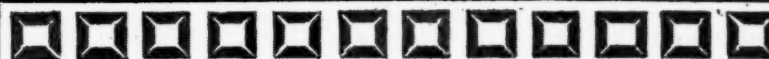
If but one message I may leave behind,
One single word of courage for my kind,
It would be this—Oh, brother, sister, friend,
Whatever life may bring, whatever God may send,
No matter whether clouds lift soon or late,
Take heart and wait.

Despair may tangle darkly at your feet,
Your faith be dimmed, and hope, once cool and
sweet,
Be lost; but suddenly above a hill,
A heavenly lamp, set on a heavenly sill
Will shine for you and point the way to go,
How well I know.

For I have waited through the dark, and I
Have seen a star rise in the blackest sky
Repeatedly—it has not failed me yet.
And I have learned God never will forget
To light His lamp. If we but wait for it,
It will be lit.

—Christian Herald.

THE GROUND OF



“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4.

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Notices

In the June 27 issue of the Evangel in the report "Revival at Delbarton, W. Va." the writer omitted his name. The writer was W. B. Branham, an evangelist in the Church of God. He was in charge of this revival, being assisted by Brother E. H. Steppe, the pastor. He will appreciate calls for revivals.

To whom it may concern: I have a house-car for sale or trade. 31-A Model Ford, one and one-half ton truck. This is a good outfit for any one to travel in or for a family or evangelistic party. Will sell with or without furnishings. The motor is good and the house also. Tires are reasonably good. My reason for wanting to sell is on account of my wife's health being poor. If you are really interested, write me for further information.—James R. West, Box 103, Vanceburg, Ky.

There is no Church of God here and we want a Church of God preacher to come here and hold us about a six-weeks revival. I used to be in Florida but have been in Texas about seven years. This is a hard place. If any one is interested, write me.—J. Easley, Neches, Texas.

The Blairsville district convention will convene in the courthouse at Hiawasse, Ga., July 21-Aug. 2. The convention will open Friday at 7:30 p. m. Our beloved state overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes, will be in charge. Pastors and as many church folks as possible, please be present for the opening of the convention. We extend an invitation to our neighboring churches and pastors, come over and be with us. Come praying and expecting a great time in the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket, Sunday Aug. 2, as there will be dinner on the ground that day.—Thad Puckett, district overseer.

To whom it may concern: Any one wishing to communicate with me, my present address will be D. H. Robinson, Evangelist, Middleburg, Va. Pray for the work here. This is a new field but we hope to have a good work here before long.

Remember the New River district Sunday School convention July 19 at Short's Creek, Va. All Sunday Schools come and bring a well-filled basket. Service will begin at 9:30. We will have dinner spread on the ground.—John H. McCraw, Rt. 4, Box 95, Galax, Va.

The Thomasville district convention will convene at the Church of God at Sunny South, Ala., the first three days of the southern Alabama camp meeting, beginning Friday, July 31. All pastors are requested to be present and give a report of your church. We would be glad if every church could go over the top with every financial obligation. Brother G. C. Dunn, state overseer, will be in charge of the convention. Come expecting a good time.—J. M. Hartline, district pastor, Thomasville, Ala.

We are starting a revival at the Lane Church of God, July 11, D. V. Please pray that God will give us many souls. All neighboring churches are invited to come and help us.—Yours for lost souls, F. C. Warman, pastor, Rt. 2, Edgewood, Texas.

Attention: Church Clerks

To stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, we are asking that all church clerks tithe the tithes paid into the local treasury and send same to Headquarters. Also send an equal amount of the tithes of tithes to the state overseer of your territory or state. For example: If \$100.00 is paid into the treasury during the month, at the close of the month, send \$10.00 to Headquarters, and \$10.00 to the state overseer. We have had some inquiries concerning this and feel that this announcement will help. — J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

We will have a home coming the first Sunday in August. There will be all-day services. Brother Blankenship, state overseer, will be with us to dedicate the new church at Boswell, Pa. All neighboring churches are invited to come and bring well-filled baskets. We are expecting a good time in the Lord.—H. T. Durden, 303 Allegheny St., Boswell, Pa.

To the Sunday Schools in Virginia: Chilhowie lost the state Sunday School banner to Cliffview as they had the best increase for the month. Ramsey took second, while Glamorgan dropped to third. The Sunday School work is progressing rapidly, for which we are thankful. The faithful schools have helped it to be so. Be sure to report to me on or before the 5th of each month and pay your tithes of the Sunday School offerings each month to help bear the expense of the work.—Yours for better Sunday School interests, Marvin E. Porter, State S. S. Supt., Austinville, Va.

To the ministers and members of Missouri: The date of our state convention is Aug. 13-16. The place and entertainment will be announced later. We will have Brother J. H. Walker, General

Overseer; Zeno C. Tharp, Supt. of Education; and other ministers. We insist on all pastors to close revivals and attend this convention. We trust that each district will be able to give a full report.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer.

The Church of God at Beasley Chapel will have an all-day service July 19, which will be our home coming. We will have several good speakers and will make a special drive to raise some money for the purpose of building a new church or tabernacle. All members and friends are specially invited. Come and bring a well-filled basket and be prepared to give a liberal offering on the building. We are expecting our district pastor and several from Troy. Our revival will start on Sunday night of the same date. Pray that souls will be saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church. The saints at Dyersburg have a special invitation. We would like for our state overseer to be with us. Come one and all and let's have a good time in the Lord. If there are any of the members who can't come, try to send us an offering on the church. Send it to John R. Teague, pastor, 258 Edith Ave., Memphis, Tenn., or Frank Jernigan, clerk, Rt. 1, Ripley, Tenn.

Our revival will begin at Crumbley's Chapel Church of God eighteen miles east of Heflin, Ala., the first Sunday in August. Everybody is invited to help in this meeting which will run until God says enough.—B. D. Smith, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

The Buchingham camp meeting will convene at Mt. Hermon church Aug. 2, with Brother J. L. Dorman, our state overseer, leading preacher. We will have camps and a dining place where meals can be obtained at very reasonable rates. Come, bring your blankets and spend the time with us. We will have preaching three times a day. If you want to do things for God, come, let's make this a great meeting. All who will, come and camp with us. Write W. T. Stowe or P. H. Brant, clerk, Gladstone, Va.

To whom it may concern: Thos. G. Evans, who was an evangelist, is no longer a minister or member of The Church of God.—C. H. Blankenship, state overseer, Pennsylvania.

There will be an all-day service and basket dinner at the Church of God in Winnsboro, S. C., July 19. We are expecting all the former members and the present members to be present if possible. There is to be plenty of string music and good preaching so don't fail to join the great feast on Sunday, July 19.—Geo. W. Cooper, pastor.

We Are Living Signboards

By PAULINE JACKSON

Text: "And these signs shall follow them that believe," Mark 16:17.

Surely there is not a verse in the Bible that we Church of God folks quote more than this one. We like to tell them that if these signs don't follow them they are not altogether on the Bible plan. This is true, but there is more in the dear old Bible than Mark 16:17.

We find in Matt. 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Then He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Dear one, it is not all in speaking in tongues or taking up serpents. This is good and will follow them that believe, but there are more signs than these. Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," and in 1 John 4:20, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" The next verse says, "He who loveth God loveth his brother also." Love is one of the signs that will follow them that believe. How can we turn a cold shoulder to our brother or sister and say we love God?

Almost everything goes by signs. In traveling you will find that most every town and city has stop-lights. If you are watching these stop-lights, they will give you a sign just how to drive through the city safely, but if you go over these signs (stop-lights), you are sure to get into trouble. When we want something in the line of clothing, we look for the sign "Dry Goods." They would not have a sign in the dry goods department "Hardware" or "Drugs." When we walk down the streets and see a sign in front of a store, we are expecting to see just what they are advertising. Dear one, there are too many Church of God folks with the wrong sign out. If you are a real child of God, have the Holy Ghost, take down your sign advertising worldliness, pride, styles, etc. Some of our good Church of God mothers will let their girls go out on the streets wearing the sign of one from a red-light district. They go on the streets with their bodies exposed to the world, will go out in men's clothing. Oh, if our dear mothers and fathers in the Church of God could go to the places where our styles come from, surely they would have their precious girls to take down their signs.

Paul said all men were reading us as epistles. I believe they are watching us. Just put off the sign of the world, begin

to display the sign of godliness, and let the world see Christ Jesus in you. Let them see your good works and be constrained to follow the Lord.

There are many wrong signs. The sign of confusion is not a sign of godliness. Failing to obey the teachings and doctrine of the Church of God is not a sign of godliness. We are leaving off too many things. We know to do and God is not pleased with us. There are many things we know that are good and we just leave them off. We believe in tithes. We say it is God's plan to keep His ministers on the field, but there are many who won't pay tithes. The sinners know all about you. They are watching you. When you fail to pay what belongs to the Lord and come up to the teachings of the Church of God, they will say, "I don't believe in his or her religion." Where is your influence? Where is your sign? Some will say, "It's good to pay them," but do not pay theirs. James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." My dear one, if you are robbing God, failing to pay your tithes, you are displaying the sign of "Robber." Read Lev. 27:3; Mal. 3:8-10.

If each one would come up to the teachings of the Church of God and bear the signs of real Church of God material, the Church, which we love, would take on new strength and we would mount up. The world is watching. They would wonder at the signs and wonders which would be wrought by the old time power of God. You and I would see the signs of Mark that we have been preaching so many years. The sick would be healed, deaf ears unstopped, old time conviction would begin to work on the hearts of

sinners and we would see them weeping their way through to Calvary. If we want God to bless us and go with us, we must go by His Word. "These signs will follow them that believe. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

REVIVALS

MT. VERNON, Ill.—We just closed a revival here. The people here said we could not have a revival for they had seen it tried many times, but the Lord gave us souls for our labor. Thirty-three were saved, nineteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water, and fourteen added to the church. It was said to be the best revival held here in years. Brother Scott, our district overseer, was the evangelist and he did some wonderful preaching. We hated to see him leave. Sister Mildred Summers was a great help in this revival. She was right there ready every night to sing, play the piano, pray, and when the Lord would come in a mighty way she was ready to shout. We could hardly tell the ones who got blessed during this meeting. We thank everyone who helped this meeting to be what it was, but above all we praise God, the One who knows all.—Melvin O. Smith, pastor.

GAFFNEY, S. C.—We truly thank the Lord for the way He is blessing the church here at Gaffney, S. C. and for our pastor, Brother S. E. Owens. God is surely blessing his efforts. In these six weeks he has been here twenty-seven have been saved, nineteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water, and seven added to the church. God is wonderfully blessing in every service. Pray for the work here that God will have His way.—C. G. James, clerk.

Vacation Time and the 31st Annual Assembly

It is said that summer months are vacation months. This is a fine time for vacations, but how nice it will be to put yours off until October and attend the 31st Annual Assembly of the Church of God to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the Memorial Auditorium, Oct. 2-8. Begin now to make your preparations.

Railroad men, shop men, merchants, clerks, and industrial workers of all kinds, will be here to attend the greatest love feast and deliberative Assembly that has ever met in modern times. Brass bands, string bands, mixed orchestras, and the best of singers, will all be here for your entertainment. Spirit-filled preachers with soul-inspiring sermons, will be here to furnish the soul food necessary for your spiritual growth.

The work of preparation is going on now. You will like it better than ever. Plans are being laid for better order and for better hearing. The crowds will be much larger, and everything will be a great improvement on former Assemblies. Keep this constantly before you. By all means attend the 31st Annual Assembly of the Church of God.

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by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel," Col. 1:21, 22, 23.

Jesus prayed for His disciples thus: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through thy truth," John 17: 17, 19.

It is clear that He expected them to have the experience in this life, for just before praying for their sanctification He prayed thus: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil," John 17:15. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren," Heb. 2: 11. "And now, brethren, I command you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified," Acts 20:32. "That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me," Acts 26: 18. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," Heb. 10:10. "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ," Jude 1. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," Heb. 13:12. "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart," 1 Tim. 1:5. "Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart," 2 Tim. 2:23. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure," 1 John 3:3.

Is there any Bible account of persons having this experience?

"There was a man in the Land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil," Job 1:1. "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless," Luke 1:5, 6. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of

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Editorials

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THE WAY OF HOLINESS

Is holiness expected and commanded in this life? "I am the almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect," Gen. 17:1. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy," 1 Peter 1:15, 16. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," Matt. 5:48. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness," 1 Thess. 4:7. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14. "I beseech ye therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your

bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Rom. 12:1. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love," Eph. 1:4. "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose," 2 Tim. 1:9. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification," 1 Thess. 4:3.

What is meant by being holy? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," Matt. 22:37. "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love," 1 John 4:17, 18. "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God," 1 Peter 4:1, 2. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God," Matt. 5:8.

Is such an experience possible in this life? "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life," Rom. 6:22.

"The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all the saints," 1 Thess. 3:12, 13. "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life," Luke 1:74, 75. "And you, that were alienated and enemies in your minds

COURAGE

By UTICA CH DEB

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalms 27:14.

Scripture reading: Joshua 1:5-18.

A striking type of courage is Joshua. Having had the honor of being one of the twelve chiefs to spy out the land of Canaan, it must have taken courage for him and his partner to take back a report which disputed the discouraging report of the other ten spies. But God was with him. Just before Moses died he invested Joshua with authority over the people.

ALL DISCOURAGEMENT IS OF THE DEVIL

The evil one is much pleased and delighted when a child of God becomes discouraged, because he knows that Christian is disobeying 1 Thess. 5:16-18, which reads: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

When we have lost courage there is a strong tendency to sidetrack the main line of the Christian pathway where the Word of God is a lamp, making that path a lighted pathway. Sidetracking always switches one off the main line. Sarah Bolton said, "I like the man who faces what he must." There come times when one is obliged to face things over which he has no control, and which are impossible to avoid. When one is smitten with a staggering blow of sorrow, loss, or physical affliction, he can do one of two things. He can swoon, throw up his hands in despair and surrender, or he can face the conflict with a brave heart and fearlessly fight with an unflinching trust that somehow God's plans in the end will work out for the good of mortals, and by heroic courage conquer fate. Richter says, "Sorrows gather around great souls as storms do around mountains; but, like them, they break the storm and purify the air of the plain beneath." There is no escape; sooner or later pain and suffering are the inevitable lot of every mortal. To be born is to be ushered into a world of sorrow; individuality, separate self-hood, and personal experience, are bound to entail suffering.

GOD CANNOT USE A SOUL EASILY DISCOURAGED

What would happen on Sunday morning if the pastor lost every bit of courage just before time to begin his message. Suppose he decided, "I know Brother X does not agree with me about the manner of supporting foreign missions (or perhaps some other current issue), and I

just can't bear to get up before him and preach. He will probably criticize me," etc. You know very well what would happen if a minister of the gospel would lose courage just at the time for him to speak.

But the main thing we want to consider is this: What is the result of laymen losing courage? First we want to state the paramount cause of laymen or anyone else losing courage. This may be stated by one word — Disobedience. By having not obeyed, we soon become discouraged and will be guilty of many unbecoming things, some of which may be the following: jealousy, envy, strife, backbiting, omitting prayer, testimony, church attendance, tithing, offering. Let us everyone search our hearts and find the actual cause of not having courage, if such be the case with us. But some one wails, "It has come straight to me what somebody has said about me. Oh yes, I have a reason to be discouraged." No, friend, God's Word commands that we pray for those who spitefully use us.

Truly Joshua was a courageous leader. His authority over the Israelites proved a great blessing because through his divine anointing and capability they gained half of Palestine.

In the taking of Jericho, what courage was necessary in that strict obedience to God's will? Marching around one time each day until the seventh day and on the seventh day the seventh round a long blast was given and then a united shout. Down came the walls of Jericho and the victory was won for the Israelites. It is profitable to remember that God's ways are higher than our ways as the heavens are high above the earth. For that reason let us in obedience have courage, "For in him we live and move and have our being."

And after Joshua's battles were over, he charged his people to obey with courage the law of Moses. May we be determined to more courageously fight our battle and to-day and to-morrow, than we weakly fought that battle of yesterday — and lost.

Our attitude toward God and His Word can never be what it should be as long as our attitude toward our fellowmen is not what it should be. God holds the same attitude toward us that we hold toward others. He says, "Forgive that you may be forgiven," and "If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father in Heaven forgive you your trespasses."

LOVE THE CHURCH AND ITS TEACHINGS

I truly thank and praise God for full salvation. I praise Him because He saved me when I was lost in sin. I am so glad He is a friend to all who are lost and is able to save from all sin. Praise His sweet name!

I love the dear Church of God and its teachings. The things I used to love I now hate. I have been saved and sanctified only a few months but the way gets sweeter all the time. It seems like the Lord is better to me than He is to anybody. He is so good to me it seems I can't praise Him enough. I find it great joy in serving God. Bless His precious name!

I wish I could go to the Church of God meetings. I get so hungry to be with God's children. I want to be out in the work, doing more for my Master than I have in the past.

I have a mother sixty-five years old. Her eyes bother her, so I want all of the saints to pray a special prayer for her that her eyes will be healed. I have two little children so pray that I will raise them so they will be servants for the Lord.—Your sister under the blood, Margie Pauline McConnell, Snyder, Okla., Gen. Del.

My Cup Runneth Over

Dear Evangel readers, I can report victory over sin and the devil. When I got home last night my cup was running over with the good feast from the Lord. Our state overseer, Brother R. E. Blackwood, paid us a visit. Our former state overseer, Brother J. B. Cole, was with us also. Our good pastor, Brother Wilson Sharp, could not come as his precious wife is sick in bed. We don't know why she is there but God knows what is best. She is trusting God, live or die. She said when God says it's enough He will take her or heal her. Dear saints of God, just take this to heart and mind and pray that God will undertake and heal her so they can get out in the work for the Lord. They are true blue saints of God.

Brother R. E. Blackwood preached on "The Plan of Salvation and a True Christian." It was food to all. Some said that was the best they ever heard, even some of the sinners said they would like for him to come back again. We pray that he will come again soon.

Please pray a special prayer for our pastor's wife that God will heal her so he can come back and fill his regular appointments, for when one suffers, all in one body suffer in Christ for His name's sake.

I am so full of the sweet Holy Ghost, my cup runneth over. Pray for me to stand true to the Lord until He comes or calls for me.—A sister in Christ, Ella B. Perrilloux, Bedico, La.

The Comforter

H. L. MEDLEY

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In Mark 16:15, 16 Jesus says, "Go in to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned." This is the Lord's universal commission to the ministry and all Bible readers will agree that it is for to-day as much as it was when it was commanded. They put great stress on the 15th and 16th verses, but when they come to the 17th and 18th verses they want to apply that to the days of the early Church and say that no one gets the baptism of the Holy Ghost to-day.

Dear reader, you will notice how these verses read. "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. If you will notice there are seven "shalls" in these two latter verses. Seven denotes completeness. Some teachers say that instead of the rendering "These signs shall follow them that believe," it should read, "These signs shall follow these having believed," which would apply to the early disciples rather than the later followers of Christ, by saying the verb "believe" is written in the Greek as an aorist participle, but they overlook the fact that he that believeth and is baptized is also an aorist participle. And according to their rule of translation, baptism would only apply to the disciple of Christ before Pentecost and would annul the command to "go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," which command could not have been done away with without doing violence to the holy Scriptures. The 17th and 18th verses are as much for the future as the 15th and 16th verses are.

We want to notice one more instance. When Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began preaching Jesus Christ, all the people gave heed to the things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did, and there was great joy in that city. Was it because they had received the Holy Ghost? No, the Bible makes it plain that the Holy Ghost had not fallen on any of them, but devils were cast out and the lame and those who were taken with palsies were healed, inasmuch as there was a man down there that had fooled the people for years. They all thought he was a great man for he worked witchery

and practised arts. The 13th verse of the 8th chapter of Acts says, "Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptised, he continued with Philip and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done."

I will say right here that joy is not a scriptural evidence that anyone has the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, for the disciples returned from Jerusalem with great joy before they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus told the disciples on one occasion that their names were written in heaven, but when they which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, or had been saved, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they came, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. It amazed old Simon the sorcerer, he saw something that he had never seen before, but he had seen shouting and devils cast out, people healed and the lame made to walk. I believe that the people that Peter and John laid hands on acted just like they did at Pentecost and at the house of Cornelius, inasmuch that Simon the sorcerer wanted to buy this power that on whomsoever he laid his hands they might receive the Holy Ghost. But thank the Lord, this good, heaven-sent Holy Ghost is not bought with corruptible seed such as silver and gold. No one but clean, sanctified people can get the Holy Ghost.

There are some who try to get around the Scriptures by saying that Zacharias, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, and Simeon were filled with the Holy Ghost and did not speak with tongues. If you will look at John 7:39 you will find that Jesus says that the Holy Ghost was not yet given, for Jesus was not yet glorified. Whatever filling they had we know they did not have the Pentecostal baptism.

I want you to notice again, that after Jesus arose from the dead, His disciples asked Him if He would restore the kingdom to Israel. He said, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power, but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the utmost part of the earth." Acts 1:6-8. When the Holy Ghost comes into anyone's life, the first thing he or she does is testify of Jesus. Then the one in whom He comes will bear witness. John 15:26, 27. It is not

recorded in Holy Writ what the Holy Ghost said through the early disciples, but those foreign-born Jews did say, "We do hear them speak in our tongue, the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:11.

I believe there have been people who have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues in every age from Pentecost down to the present day. The value of tongues is apparent, being evidenced by the fact that when there has been powerful revivals and awakenings in the history of the Church, there have most always appeared other tongues. In the great reformation under Martin Luther tongues appeared and in Souer's history of the Christian church, volume 3, page 406, we have these words: "Luther was a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues, and interpreter." This man whose life shines out as a great light, who had the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, is a rebuke to mud-slinging opposers of Pentecostal baptism. Another is Thomas Walsh, one of Wesley's greatest preachers, who left in his diary these words, dated March 8th, 1750: "This morning the Lord gave me a language that I knew not of, raising my soul to Him in a wonderful manner." Irenaeus, who lived in Asia Minor during the greater part of the second century, writes in his *Adv Haer*, page 6, "We still have many brethren in the churches having many prophetic gifts and by the Spirit speak in all kinds of languages."

Despite efforts of mankind to change God's Word, and wresting the Scriptures to their own destruction, there is something like two million in these last days who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Tertullian, who lived in the second century, speaks of spiritual gifts, including the gift of tongues. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that Augustine held that each of the disciples talk all languages miraculously. The *Britannica* further states that such utterances recur in Christian revivals in every age among the mendicant friars of the 13th century, among the Jansenites, the early Quakers, the converts of Wesley and Whitfield, and the Covenants and Ervingites. Chrysostom, who lived during the latter part of the fourth and early part of the fifth century, wrote, "Whosoever was baptized in apostolic days they straightway spake with tongues."

We have proven by the Bible that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a Bible doctrine. If people would be honest with God and take off their spectacles of prejudice, shake the dust off of their Bibles and not be deceived by these so-called teachers of to-day, they would see that it is no fable. We have given more than the Bible requires to establish a fact.

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Requests

Please pray for my baby girl to be healed. Pray for my husband to receive the sweet Holy Ghost. I have an unspoken request. Pray that God will save my boys and fill them with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for me to stay humble and do as the Lord would have me to do.—Mrs. Annie Mae Blassingame, Baldwyn, Miss.

Dear saints, pray for my little five-year-old boy who had pneumonia last March and bowel hemorrhage followed. He is in a very bad stage of T. B. and if God doesn't undertake I know he can't last long.—J. R. Clement, Leedey, Okla.

Pray for me that I may be healed of lung trouble. Pray that my whole body may be healed. I am saved and sanctified. Pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my dear sisters and brothers to be saved.—Mrs. Julie Grimes, Sherwood, Tenn.

Please pray for me and my family. I am backslidden and need God very much.—Johnsie Rogers, 295 Gold St., Concord, N. C.

Dear saints, will you fast and pray for the healing of Brother Jesse Cook of Alamahaw, N. C., who became suddenly insane last week. His condition is serious and merits the earnest prayers of all of God's saints, that he may be healed and restored to his wife and children. Also pray for the healing of Henry L. Cook, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C., who is seriously ill at this time with what is thought to be an incurable malady. Remember my two motherless boys, Charles and Lionel, and myself, in earnest prayer. I praise the Lord for sparing me to return home from the hospital, and for strengthening me so much. Pray that He will fill me with the Holy Ghost.—C. B. Wall, Lexington, N. C.

Please remember me in prayer as I have a very urgent request. I live five miles from any of God's people. I want to go where I can go to church and Sunday School and take my children. Pray for my companion to be saved. I have salvation and am trusting God for help. Pray earnestly for us.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Kate Lovill, Bastian, Va.

Saints everywhere, please have special prayer for Brother William Venson. He is seriously ill and is trusting God for the healing of his body.—Linwood Jacobs, Rock Hill, S. C.

Please pray for a sister that has a goitre which has been giving her lots of trouble. Also remember another afflicted party.—Mrs. Rose (Lucia) Short.

I want the saints to pray for me.—G. R. Aderly, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

I request prayer for my wife and me, that the Lord will heal our bodies and strengthen them. I know the Lord can make us whole. Pray that God will give us wisdom and knowledge and help us to be faithful until the end. Please pray for our church and Sunday School, that we may have great results in the Lord. If any one feels led to send an anointed handkerchief, please do so.—Albert Farmer, Duty, Va.

I request prayer for the healing of my stepmother. She has a cancer and the doctor says she can't live. She is a child of God and has the victory and I believe that God will heal her.—T. R. Sargent, 32 Seyle St., Greenville, S. C.

Please pray earnestly for the healing of my body. I have rheumatism in my right foot and have indigestion gas in my body, even under my shoulder blades and through my chest. Also pray for the church here.—Mrs. Rebecca Carmichael, Auburndale, Fla.

I ask prayer for the healing of my body as I have been afflicted for some time. I am trusting God for my healing. Please don't forget me when you pray.—Miss Edna Easler, Rt. 1, Gaffney, S. C.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray for me. I am afflicted with a headache which I have had all my life. Please pray that God's healing power will rest on me. If Brother Rouse sees this, pray for me, also pray for my sister and husband who are afflicted. Pray for all of us.—A sister in Christ, Dora Drewry, Witts Springs, Ark.

I praise my Redeemer for His goodness to me. I have been suffering for several weeks with pains of various kinds and I'm having a great trial with my body. I ask the dear ones who read this to pray for me to be healed so that I may go out and win souls for the kingdom.—Ellen Butler, Evangelist, Nassau, N. P., Bahamas.

Pray for my husband that he may soon be out on the battlefield again for the Lord. Last Sunday night a drunk man stabbed him in the back and it looked like he was going to die, but thank the Lord he is able to sit up. He is pastor at the little Church of God at Louisa, Ky. Pray for him.—Mrs. W. B. Branharn, Louisa, Ky.

I request prayer from every Church of God member and all Christians who read this. I am now going through the greatest test I have ever gone through. Pray a special prayer for me just as soon as possible.—B. V. Rivenbark, Kures Beach, Wilmington, N. C.

Pray for my daughter, Mrs. Helen Jones, who is very ill. She has been very low but God touched her body, for which we are thankful, but she surely does need prayer. She has the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Leona Clark, 1155 W. Central St., Springfield, Mo.

When you pray, remember my mother, Mrs. J. B. Sykes. She has been unable to talk for the past five years. When she was able to walk, she was prompt in attending services, trying to do her little bit for the Lord. She needs your prayers.—Miss Elizabeth Sykes, 1600 S. Church St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

I want you all to pray for my brother who has an infection in his hand, that he might be healed, also for my little boy who has a bad sore on his foot. Pray for me and my family that we will live as the Lord would have us to.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Rt. 1, Lithia, Fla.

Please pray a special prayer for me. My hip hurts me so that I can hardly rest day or night. I need your prayers. Pray for my brother who is very ill. If any one feels led to send an anointed handkerchief, it will be appreciated.—Willie Back, Sergeant, Ky.

We are fixing to go into a revival here with Brother Walker Willis doing the preaching. Pray much for us that God will bring in many souls. Please remember me in your prayers that I will stay humble at all times.—Lily Euline Lee, clerk, Decatur, Ala.

NOTICES

Our open-air meeting is in progress at Blossom, Texas. Pray for us to have a successful revival and a great ingathering of souls.—O. J. Plake.

We began a revival at Parkin, Ark., July 5. We are in the Union Tabernacle. Please pray for God to give us the victory. This is a new place for the Church, and a needy place.—R. E. Shaw and helpers.

We are expecting, by the help of the Lord, to begin a revival at West Green Church of God tabernacle the fourth Sunday in July. Brother J. A. Hipps will be in charge. Everybody come who can come. If you can't come, pray for us to have an old-time revival and many souls be blessed.—Pennie Courson, West Green, Ga.

REPORTS

Kentucky State Convention

The memories of our state convention are still blessed to those who were present, and they are many. The big tabernacle which has seventy-five squares of floor space was well taken up at times, and at all times we had fine crowds and the Spirit of the Lord was upon His people.

This convention made us think of old times when they had all things common and all fared alike, the hundreds were fed on free tables and everybody had plenty to eat, and it was said by many that it was the best food they ever ate. This was our first year to furnish free meals and there was some fear that it would not work very well, but it seemed that the Lord was in the whole affair and we had plenty and \$60.00 in cash left in the treasury. Some of the business men of Somerset wondered how we ever feed such crowds free but we told them it was another fish and loaf story.

We began a drive in this convention to pay the last \$1500.00 of our state debt. We now have about \$500.00 which will be due July 15th, and enough promised to pay the entire debt if they all pay, but to make up for some who might possibly fail, we would like to have a few more pledges. We certainly appreciate the co-operation we have had in our building of the best state parsonage in the Church of God, and we allow only Florida to claim the best tabernacle.

Our Kentucky people will be looking forward to our next state convention. We hope that they will catch the camp meeting spirit and attend the big state camp meeting which will convene July 23-August 2.—Yours for greater things in the Church of God, John C. Jernigan, State Overseer.

Michigan State Convention A Feast

Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for old-time, heartfelt salvation and for the blessed Holy Ghost which still abides. Praise the Lord.

Our Michigan state convention was truly wonderful. It was wonderful how the Lord came down in our midst and we could feel His presence so greatly. We enjoyed many good messages, and one that bears so strongly on my mind at the present was "Lay Aside Every Weight." Truly, if we are burdened with heavy weights, we can't run with patience the race that is set before us. Let us run the race and receive the prize that awaits the faithful ones at the end of our journey.

We also enjoyed our General Overseer's

messages, especially the last one. He preached at the church on Wednesday night on "True Discipleship." It made us feel the need of striving harder than ever before and doing more for our blessed Master who gave His all for us. My, how we complain at giving for this or for that to the Lord's service, but if we want something to satisfy our desire for temporal things of this world, it is all right. I believe the Bible says, Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth nor rust doth corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. Our mansions are being built of such material as we send, whether it is like the widow's mite or whatever it might be. Let us lay aside every weight and run this race with patience. I truly want to make it through and see Jesus, and I know when we get up there and see all those folks who were martyred for the gospel's sake and look back over our lives, the trials will seem nothing.

Pray for me and my husband that we might raise up our children in the fear of God and to love this same Jesus whom we are serving.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Floyd Carpenter.

Haynes District Convention

The Haynes, Ark., district convention is now on the pages of history. The convention was opened June 26 at Sharps Chape. with good singing, prayer, and a few words of introduction by our state overseer, Brother McCullar, after which the pastor of the local church, R. E. Shaw, gave us a good, short welcome address, which made the folks feel welcome. Then came the responses by Brother McCullar and the writer. This first service closed with several good songs.

Saturday morning Brother R. C. Ogle, family, and some of his good faithful band came in to be with us. We are always glad to have folks visit us from the Memphis district. The services began at 9:30 with more good singing. Brother McCullar gave us a rich message. We felt the affects of this message, it was food to our souls. The afternoon service opened with songs and prayer, after which a message was given by the writer. Brother Ogle followed with a good, short talk. Saturday night after the good devotional service Brother Ogle gave a wonderful message. He made his message plain that God has always made everything ready before the call was made.

Sunday morning the crowds began thronging in for a good day's service. Brother A. R. Willingham gave a good talk on the Sunday School work which was enjoyed by all. Brother McCullar followed with a message which was right to the point. This message was enjoyed. At the close of this sermon a short talk was made by the writer on missions and the

need of missions, after which five dollars mission offering was taken. Then came noon hour when the crowd gathered out under the trees where we enjoyed the food prepared for this occasion.

The afternoon message was delivered by the writer but before this message we were blessed with some good special singing. The night service opened with good singing followed by the closing message by Brother McCullar. He made this very plain.

Thus closed the Haynes district convention of the Church of God. Very few of the people off the district attended. It would have been better if they had been there. Brother Shaw has done some good work at Sharps Chapel and stood by the people in that vicinity. Please pray for us and the work on this district.—Yours for the Church of God, Jesse Danehower, district overseer, Forrest City, Ark.

Mobeetie, Tex. Dist. Conv'n.

The Mobeetie district convention convened at Mobeetie, Tex., May 29-31. Service opened Friday night at seven-thirty with song and prayer, after which the writer introduced our esteemed overseer, Brother T. S. Payne. He brought to us a wonderful message, speaking mostly to the Christians, which was enjoyed by all.

We met Saturday evening near eight o'clock and opened service with songs and prayer, after which we had a praise service conducted by the writer. This was followed by a soul-stirring message by Brother Payne. I believe it was as convincing as any I ever heard on that subject.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock we were back for another great feast. The service opened with songs and prayer, after which Brother Payne brought a message on "The Church and the Kingdom." This was wonderful. The people of Texas are proud of our overseer, who stands foursquare for the Church and her teachings. At this time we were dismissed for lunch. A nice table was arranged where many good things were spread to eat. At two-thirty service opened with songs and prayer after which we had the representation of the churches. Each pastor brought a good report. This was followed by a sermon by Brother G. W. Lane, pastor at Borger. His message was fine. Then came a short Y.P.E. program which was very much enjoyed by all. We gathered at eight o'clock for the closing service. The message was brought by Sister Ola Worley of Twitty. Her message was very touching and made us feel the need of drawing nearer to the Lord. Then came time for handshakes and good-byes. We feel all who attended were blessed, and those who failed to get here missed something that would have done them good.—Lester Beasley, district pastor.

Bald Knob, Ark., District Convention

The Bald Knob district convention convened at Mt. Zion Church of God, Step Rock, Ark., June 12-14 with Brother W. V. Johnson, our district overseer, in charge and the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost present. Well glory, it was wonderful.

Service opened at seven-thirty with songs, prayer, and welcome address by our pastor, H. L. Berry, followed by response by Brother Austin Williams, Sister Victoria McFadden, and Sister Bailey. At eight o'clock Brother A. R. Willingham spoke on "The Need of Prayer" which was wonderful.

Saturday morning at nine-thirty service opened with devotional service followed by a message by Sister Lula Milam, which was delivered through the Holy Ghost. It made our souls feel fat in the Lord. At eleven o'clock Brother H. L. Berry delivered a fine message on "Unity." In the afternoon Brother G. E. Griffin brought a message on "How to be an Overcomer." The Holy Spirit surely came down. Praise the dear Lord! Brother W. V. Johnson then delivered a message. Glory to His name, it meant so much to me. It was wonderful. At seven-thirty Brother J. A. McCullar, our state overseer, brought a message on "Faithfulness" followed by an altar service. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost was in the service. One was saved. Praise the dear Lord for His presence.

Sunday at ten o'clock a sermon by Brother Tom Wethers on "Sunday School" was appreciated and helped us so much. At eleven o'clock Brother A. R. Willingham brought a message which was wonderful and it reached home to many of us, I think. Praise God for that message through Brother Willingham. At two-thirty the churches were represented. The evening service opened with songs and prayer. At eight o'clock Brother H. W. Williams brought a message on "Being Ready" which was good. It surely is nice to dwell together in unity and drink at the fountain.—J.S. Watson, clerk, Step Rock, Ark.

Approximately One Hundred Gloriously Saved

ROCK HILL, S. C.—The Lord is wonderfully blessing in Rock Hill, S. C. The membership of the church has doubled and a great many more are looking this way. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." For the past six weeks the church has had twenty-four hours of prayer daily for God to send the latter rain, and surely the Lord has blessed with a great outpouring of His Spirit.

Scores have been slain under His mighty power.

May 1-3 the Rock Hill, S. C. district convention convened. Brother R. P. Johnson, our beloved state overseer, moderated. This was said by many to be the best district convention ever held in Rock Hill. Truly God was with us. From the time the first song was sung until the benediction at the last service the power and presence of the Lord was in our midst. Every speaker on the program was at his best, every sermon was freighted with the power of the Holy Ghost. My, how the power would fall!

No wonder the Church of God is progressing, we have God in our midst. Brother Johnson preached several powerful sermons and gave us much good instruction. There was weeping, shouting, and talking in tongues as the Lord would bless our souls during these great messages. There were many musicians and singers present. They sang and joined in the praises of the Lord. Large crowds attended the convention. Truly the effects of it will continue. Each church on the district gave glowing reports of battles fought and victories won. The district is one hundred per cent on everything. We had a number of visitors from Columbia, Greer, Blacksburg, Camden, and from several points in North Carolina.

At the close of the convention we started a campaign for souls with Evangelist Margaret Jacobs preaching. We had as our motto, "On to Pentecost!" The Lord surely did give us an old-time, Holy Ghost revival. There were approximately one hundred gloriously converted. Only eternity can tell the good of this great revival. Great crowds attended and truly this little city was stirred for God. Mere words fail to describe this revival. Conviction hung like a cloud over the audience and many rushed to the altar in every service crying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

It was so wonderful the way God healed the sick. There was one young man who was healed of T. B. and joyously gave his heart to the Lord. Two young Baptist ministers attended and inquired about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They were convinced, received the Blessing, and have been added to the church. The Church of God has become a veritable "power house." Many are slain under the power. Strong men burst into tears. Many testify that it was as though a ball of fire fell upon them, swept through their bodies, burning out sin and sickness and leaving them trembling with heavenly joy. Many friends have been won for God and His Church. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all Christians that God will continue to bless.—Linwood Jacobs, district pastor.

Evangel, A powerful, Truthful Messenger

Dear readers, I am glad to sound a note of praise for the Evangel. I feel convinced that this great truth messenger should be more widely circulated for the good of Christ and His kingdom. Every member of the great Church of God should be proud of having this clean, soul-stirring, eye-opener magazine, leaving there at Headquarters going to their friends, even where the Church is not yet established. I know there would be a craving in the minds of many to continue getting them.

Some probably might doubt the correctness of this because the enemy might be whispering to them, "There is something more important to be done with the money and there is not sufficiency of it this year." But even now I feel the joy ringing down in my soul, for it is truth and no idle surmising, especially here in Jamaica. Beloved readers, whether you are saved yet or not here is another way you can help in spreading the Gospel truth for another year, if Jesus tarries, and it will cost you only one dollar and twenty-five cents.

It might so happen that if you opened up your pocket book and started to-day, within a year or probably less time you would find some testifying thru the Evangel or writing directly to you that they thank God that you did start sending them the paper, for now they have a great determination to walk in the truth they see there. That would be wonderful. Start now.

If it so happens that you don't have a friend, make one to-day, and if you can't get one and you believe I am right, write to me for the names of some of mine. In the sweet name of Jesus, please pray for Mr. F. Birthwright, a subscriber, who said he would rather miss most anything than getting the Evangel, that he be fully persuaded.—Yours for Jesus and His Cause, H. T. Gentles, Mt. View, St. Elizabeth, Ipswich P. O., Jam., B.W.I.

Hearts Made to Rejoice

Dear Evangel readers, I am glad I can report a "brand new" church building for Thomasville, N. C. We certainly thank God for it, and we are thankful for our pastor, also. He worked hard and faithfully. We had the dedicatory service last Sunday. Our dear humble state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, was with us in the afternoon and preached a very encouraging sermon which was greatly enjoyed. We had a good many visitors from the neighboring Churches of God that were appreciated. Our hearts were made to rejoice and give thanks to our blessed Redeemer who gives all good things. Praise His precious name. Pray for us.—Humbly, Edna Allred, clerk.

MISSIONS

GO YE

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19.

Dear saints of God, what are we to do? Can we all go? No. Can we all pray? Yes. Can we all give? Yes, as God has prospered us we can give.

It is my great privilege to boost a mission band at the Biltmore, N. C. Church of God. We organized this band last September and as every church is supposed to send their mission quota, we have been able through this band to raise our mission quota.

We have never been behind with our quota since we organized. We have this mission service every Saturday night at our church, which is a blessing to one and all. We take our offering, have some one to speak on mission work—home and foreign. Then we all gather at the altar and ask God to be with the dear missionaries in foreign lands. We never fail to call Brother Ingram's name in prayer and all his helpers who are laboring in foreign countries. And when we read his wonderful messages, how God is blessing, we can say we had a part in the souls he won for Jesus. Think of the four thousand which were added to the Church of God. It makes my heart rejoice, I feel we had a part in that four thousand too.

Oh, how the dear missionaries sacrifice their homes, their loved ones. Can we sit down and not even pray for them? Can we not give money to help them stay on the fields? And there are so many calls still ringing, "Come over and help us.

When we read the mission report and see Florida so far ahead, it makes us want to work harder. Then we see North Carolina marching just behind Florida and it makes us rejoice. We are proud of North Carolina and our overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, who has helped us to be second in lead in mission offerings. But he cannot do all the work by himself. Come on, Church of God in North Carolina, just three more months until the Assembly. Let's make these three months one hundred per cent in mission offerings. Come on, Church of God, let's not let Florida be in the lead all of the time. Let's show them we can raise mission money too. In our daily prayer call the missionaries' names. Let them hear our voices echoing as the song says, For you I am praying, I'm praying for you. — Humbly, Pres. Biltmore mission band, Mae Vess.

MANY ENCOURAGED

NASSAU, N.P., Bah.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord is still blessing us. Since my last report I have visited the following churches: Rock Sound, Green Castle, Bannerman Town, and Harbor Island. At each of these places the Lord blessed us with many spiritual blessings. At Rock Sound a stone building is under construction. It is to be the largest church building on the district. Brother Edward Sands and his associates are doing a great work. We appreciate them and have great hope for Rock Sound.

The church at Green Castle had gone down but Brother and Sister Finley, Sister Pinder, and others worked there for months, and on the 7th of June we re-organized the church with nine members and one brother joined a week later. The building is almost finished and prospects are bright for Green Castle.

A new work has been started at Waterford. A building is being prepared there. The church building at Bannerman Town is to be shingled and painted soon. The church building at Harbor Island was repaired. The saints there were strengthened. We had two baptismal services, one at Green Castle and one at Waterford. The work at the Bluff is progressing also.

As usual I travel by small boat over rough ocean, horseback, and afoot. Once during a rough voyage in a small boat I noticed two natives were seasick and I was not, I could still sing. And one day I walked over fourteen miles and was ready to preach that night.

At all these places the people were courteous to me, especially Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Smith of Green Turtle and Mr. Henry Gibson and his two daughters of Wemyss Bight. I visited Green Turtle Cay also. Brother H. B. Roberts and his associates are still doing a great work there. Thanks for your prayers. Please continue to pray earnestly for us.—Humbly and faithfully yours for the Church of God on these islands, Wm. T. Auten.

Blessed with Church of God

A new church was set in order at Concho, W. Va. by Brother H. S. Smith, evangelist. He preached twenty-four nights during which time thirty were saved, twenty-two baptized in water, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Many more are looking toward the Church of God.—Mrs. Jessie Brown, clerk.

Still In The Faith

Dear Evangel family, greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are glad to report that we are still in the faith. We are so glad we still have victory. We love Jesus supremely and by His help we mean to be true until He comes or calls.

Now I will ask one thing of you Evangel readers, and that is to please have a special prayer every time you go to pray, that God will lead us the way He wants us to go.

We have done all we know to do in Key West in the natural and spiritual as far as we know, and we feel that we are clean from the blood of all men. Key West is having it very hard and working people will have to leave who have not already left. Some of the Spanish people left for Miami but most of them for Tampa. Now we want you to pray that God will give us a call just where He wants us to go, as it seems that we can't start a work here in Miami and we can't rest outside of our calling. We are both willing to stay here and work if God wants us to, but we have been here eight months the first of July and we can't get started, so we feel time is too precious and we have wasted too much of it. Please pray.—Yours in the Master's service, Charles Lazo, 261 N. W. 22 Terrace, Miami, Fla.

Desires More Faith

WHITWELL, Tenn.—Dear saints of God, I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost and for His wonderful healing power. He has healed in my home many times.

Saints, pray for me to reach the faith to trust the Lord for the healing of my children's bodies. I have had the good Holy Ghost fourteen months and have trusted the Lord so far. Please pray that I will stay humble at Jesus' feet and ever keep the faith to trust Him.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bruce Rollins, Rt. 3, Box 19.

Healed of Rheumatism

WIMAUMA, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I was suffering great pain with rheumatism called neuritis and I prayed God to heal me and I would testify to it. I praise God He has wonderfully healed my body.

I have salvation and belong to the dear old Church of God. My home is in Chiefland, Fla. Please pray for me, also pray that my husband will be saved before it is too late.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Frank Bush, Chiefland, Fla.

Thoughts as I View Capital's Lighted Dome

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am writing this little message while standing at a desk in the Union Station at Washington, D. C., June 24th. Through the window I can see the lighted capital building. As I view the dome which represents the greatest nation and its records, my thoughts fly to the greatest government — the Church, its work, and records.

As we think of the great nations that have risen and fallen and of those standing to-day, we are made to wonder what a mighty nation our own U. S. A. has grown to be within these few years. So many honorable statesmen have come and gone from our capital and many have given their lives trying to solve the problems that faced our country in the past. Now as the world is perplexed and many panaceas are offered to solve all our troubles, and while our great men are working almost incessantly, yet we have millions without employment and thousands starving and undernourished, striving to keep soul and body together, cries of almost all kinds, heartaches, disappointments, sadness, and a general unrest of soul, running to and fro seeking pleasure, desiring peace, yet the poor creatures are facing an aching void.

Dear ones, Jesus Christ is what the world needs. Our fair U. S. A. needs Jesus above everything else. Surely this is the time when all the blood-bought children of God will hold on to God in fervent prayer for I'm looking for Jesus soon to come. While we stay, oh, how we should endeavor to let them know of Jesus and His love, not just in name but in reality, in love, that they can see and know that we are His disciples.

The records here at Washington, of the Church of God, do not let the world know our correct numbers, our strength, nor all of our work. Possibly there are two reasons for this: First, we are constantly growing, for which we are so thankful and delighted; Second, our local church clerks fail to send in their reports to Headquarters in time to have the correct number filed at Washington. For this second reason we are all sad and feel we must help do something to correct this.

As my mind travels back over this whole nation and to foreign countries, I think how important are our clerks of churches. Just church clerks important? Yes indeed! You clerks are important. We are depending on you—we must. Would it be fair to all the other members of the Church of God for half the number of clerks not to report? No! No!

You say, What about ten per cent not reporting? No, no, don't you see every

member and officer is so important? I hope you clerks can see that you are serving a responsible place in the church. Make out accurate reports of the information desired by the General Assembly and mail to the General Secretary. (You will receive a blank for your report).

We want to report to our nation our numbers and work as far as possible. We need to establish our record and standing now as never before. Who knows what to-morrow may bring. What a great army of believers we are, striving enthusiastically and lawfully for the one purpose of seeing The Church of God GROW, GLOW, and GO to the far ends of the earth. Pray! Pray!! Pray!!! that God will open the doors, and we every one can help with our finance, to go into all the world and carry the gospel message.

Please, state overseers, HELP your district overseers HELP the pastors HELP their clerks get an accurate account of our work and report same to Headquarters in ample time this year. (Annual report forms will be mailed to clerks in August.)

May God less and help us all to be the greatest blessing possible to this lost and dying world.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Demorest, Ga. Dist. Conv'n.

The Demorest district convention convened at Clayton, Ga., July 3-5 with Brother J. P. Hughes in charge. The Lord blessed from the beginning. Brother I. N. Rich made us all feel at home when he sang his little song of welcome. Those who were present will never forget it. The response was given by Brothers J. E. Ledford, D. C. Wheeler, and Don Tatum. Brother Hughes, our overseer, then made some remarks after which an altar call was made. Many hungry hearts went to the altar.

Saturday morning not many were present on account of rain but the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We had a number present from other states, Brother Glover P. Ledford and some of his good singers from North Carolina, Brother Henry Ward who is working in West Virginia this year, was in charge of the music, a number from South Carolina and Tennessee, Brothers T. L. Wilcox and J. L. Jones. At eleven o'clock Sister Rich brought a message on "Fellowship." The Lord surely blessed her in giving out the Word. We then adjourned for noon. At the evening service Sister Hershaw's message on "Opportunity of the Young People" was very timely and made us feel like moving on for the young people. After this an altar call was given and many came to the altar. A number prayed through.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock Brother

W. H. Daniel's message on "Sunday Interest" was very instructive and encouraged us to press on in the work of our Sunday School. General instructions were then given by the state overseer. Although Brother Hughes is not strong physically, he is fast gaining strength. His message was truly enjoyed. At eleven o'clock Brother W. H. Goss brought a message on the "Need of Missions." He was at his best and his message was inspired. God set His approval on the service and an offering was taken which amounted to \$27.50. We thank the Lord for this. Come on, Georgia, let's do our best for missions as we are behind most of the states in this great cause. At two o'clock we had reports of the churches. The reports were encouraging and the district is on the move for God. After this we had a testimony service conducted by Brother Galloway. God blessed in a wonderful way. Many were present and said it was the best convention they were ever in. Pray for us on this district. —T. W. Harkins, district overseer.

NOTICES

The Hazelhurst district is planning to have their district camp meeting of the Church of God at Bridgeford, Ga., Aug. 18-30. Brother J. W. Culpepper will be in charge. We are expecting the Holy Ghost to have His place in the meeting. We ask all the churches on the district to co-operate with us in this meeting. Let's make it a success by having love and fellowship. Brother preacher, get your church and Sunday School programs ready. We will have space for you, but let us know about your program before the meeting begins. We are expecting all the preachers on the district to be there and help in the services. We hope to have at least three discourses each day. Adjoining districts are welcome. Come praying and let's make it the best ever on the district.—E. E. O'Neal, pastor; J. A. Hipps, district pastor, Baxley, Ga.

To my many friends: At this writing I am in Williamsburg, Ky., in a revival with the pastor, Starling Smith. Those wishing my services in revival work, write me at the above address.—C. E. Richard.

We have had our state overseer and wife, Brother and Sister Wood, with us. We certainly did enjoy their good preaching. Two received the Holy Ghost. Many were blessed. They went from here to Maud to make preparation for our state camp meeting. We hope they are with us next year as overseer.—W. C. Hill, pastor, Murphy, Okla.

REPORT OF WORK IN S. C.

On coming to the State of South Carolina, I found as fine a band of ministers and workers as I have been privileged to start a year's work with. Brother Paulk had most of the churches supplied, which proved to be satisfactory with a few exceptions.

DISTRICTS

Each district has a good man over it. All have been working and there is not a one but what reports progress. The Anderson district with J. C. Childers as district overseer, district evangelist, and radio evangelist is doing a great work. Brother Edgar has done some good evangelistic work on the district. Our district convention was wonderful.

Langley district, with Brother Osborne leading, is small but one of our best districts. God is blessing there. They are second on missions in our district conventions, and even tho' we had a very bad, rainy day for the convention, the Lord was with us and also a good congregation. The spirit of this convention was as good as any one could expect. We are expecting a new church on the Langley district before the Assembly.

The Charleston district, with only two churches but with golden opportunities for others, reports some progress. Our convention was even above what one could expect. Brother Reed, the district overseer, has done a good work in Charleston, and we are hoping for a new church on this district.

The Dillon district under the faithful leadership of Brother Clyde C. Cox, is moving on fine. God is graciously using Brother Cox this year. He has the largest Sunday School in his county and the only reason that it is not larger is because they do not have room. He has more than fifty additions to the church at Dillon. The Dillon district has a monthly district paper which is proving a blessing to the work.

Rock Hill, an old district with a young overseer, can report as much progress on some lines and even more than any other district. The Rock Hill church has doubled its membership with a great many more looking toward the Church. The other churches on the district are all blessed with good pastors and some of them are making great progress. The churches at Chester, Ft. Mill, and Great Falls are all making great progress. The church at Lando has had a struggle on account of the mill not running regularly but they have one of the best, most consecrated men for a pastor, Brother Lovelle, and surely God will reward him yet.

Blacksburg district will never fail with such a firebrand leader as Odis Smith. God uses him, and the ministers on his district appreciate him and he appreciates

them. God is blessing the district and great gains are being made.

The Laurens district has made appreciable gains. Greenwood church has almost doubled its membership. They have a new church building just completed and dedicated at Ware Shoals, the nicest small church in the state, with W. D. Childers pastoring. Brother R. G. Looney is over the district and is one of our outstanding ministers. God is rewarding the Laurens district. Columbia, the state capital, has one of the best districts that is making improvements and gaining ground at every church. Oh, what a district convention, God was with us. Brother Dempsey (not Jack, but a power for God as district overseer) is doing a good work.

The Walhalla district, reaching into the mountains, and it was here that we had a mountain-top convention, is progressing nicely. The church at Walhalla is moving by leaps and bounds under the faithful leadership of Brother Sprouse. Other churches on the district are making progress and I am expecting to hear of a new church any day.

The Greenville district. The word GREENVILLE causes all Church of God people everywhere to stop and listen, and listen they may, for it is beyond my ability to tell just how God is blessing there. God has given Brother Paulk favor with both church folks and outsiders. They have more than one hundred additions to the church this year. Finances are best in the history of the church. Spiritual tide is running high, members working, Y.P.E. doing the best work of any Y.P.E. in the movement. Then there is Greer, Brother W. E. Raney as pastor, a great preacher and a great church doing a great work for God.

Time will not permit me to mention all that I know. I regret that space is limited, that I cannot make mention of all the churches and pastors, all of whom I am proud and love dearly. They are workers and God is with us. Keep your eyes on the Evangel for further reports.

I must mention our state Y.P.E. leader, Brother C.F. Grant, who is doing a great work. You will see more about him and his work later. I dedicated three buildings in June, two new and one remodeled. All told, I am happy and thankful.—R. P. Johnson, Overseer of South Carolina.

SPECIAL

LENOIR, N. C.—We thank the Lord for the good revival held here the last of May conducted by Brother W. T. Nelson of Charlotte, N. C. He surely did some good preaching and the Lord wonderfully blessed. A goodly number were saved, sanctified, some filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church greatly encouraged in every way. We want

Brother Nelson to come back some time.

We have a good pastor here too. Brother D. B. Yow never fails to feed our souls. Please remember the Church of God at Lenoir when you pray. Ask God to help us be faithful until Jesus comes and pray for my loved ones who are out in sin.—Henry D. Holsclaw, Rt. 3.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Alabama State Camp Meeting
Smiton, Ala., July 17-26
G. C. DUNN, Overseer

West Virginia State Convention
Bayard, W. Va., July 23-26
E. C. CLARK, Overseer

Kentucky State Camp Meeting
Somerset, Ky., July 23-Aug. 2
J. C. JERNIGAN, Overseer

South Carolina State Convention
Greenville, S. C., July 30-Aug. 2
R. P. JOHNSON, Overseer

Mississippi State Camp Meeting
July 30-Aug. 7
T. M. McCLENDON, Overseer

Southern Alabama Camp Meeting
Sunny South Church of God
Near Pine Hill, Ala., July 31-Aug. 9
G. C. DUNN, Overseer

Texas State Convention and Camp Meeting
Weatherford, Texas, Aug. 6-16
T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

Arkansas State Convention and Camp Meeting
Velvet Ridge Church, 10 miles north of Bald Knob, Ark.
Aug. 8-16
J. A. McCULLAR, Overseer

Missouri State Convention
Aug. 13-16.
W. J. MILLIGAN, Overseer

Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C. Convention and Camp Meeting
Near Shiloh, Md., Aug. 20-30
(Convention Aug. 20-23)
W. CARL MILLIGAN, Overseer

Virginia State Convention and Camp Meeting
Roanoke, Va., Aug. 20-30
J. L. DORMAN, Overseer

Death Notices

BONVILLE

Sister Lizzie Bonville, age seventy-three years, died June 3. She was a member of the Church of God at Vanceburg, Ky. The funeral was conducted by Brother John Hamilton at the Church of God which she loved so well.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Gertrude Carpenter, clerk.

WESTMORELAND

Little Dorothy Jean Westmoreland, daughter of Lena and Wilson Westmoreland, was born June 14 and died June 14, 1936. Funeral services were held at the home by the writer and interment made in Pisgah cemetery.—M. L. Muse.

ROOF

Sister Susie Roof departed this life June 21 at the age of thirty-four years. She has been a faithful member of the Church of God for one year. The funeral was conducted at her home by her pastor, J. C. Green, assisted by J. W. Hannah of Great Falls, S. C. and her body was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery, Chester, S. C.

BISHOP

Little Howard Bishop, son of Robert Bishop and wife, was killed on July 4, 1936, by a stray bullet from a neighbor's gun. He was four years and one month old. The funeral was conducted by the writer and interment made in the Hermon cemetery.—T. A. Richard, 714 Oak St., Kingsport, Tenn.

VEACH

John Henry Veach, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Veach, died June 23 at the age of twenty-five years, eleven months, and twenty-seven days. The funeral was conducted by their pastor.—Brother Davis and wife.

LOWERY

Mrs. T. E. Lowery, age fifty-six years, died June 18, 1936. She had been a member of the Church of God at Clyde, N. C. for several years. Funeral services were conducted at Canton, N. C. by her pastor, Brother D. H. Delk.—Pauline Snyder, S. S. Secretary.

DOTSON

Claude G. Dotson died June 29, 1936, at the age of twenty-four years. The funeral was conducted at the Church of God at Biltmore, N. C., with Brother C. H. Shaw in charge. Interment was made in the Gashes Creek cemetery.—A cousin, Clara Todd.

DAKIN

George H. Dakin was born October 27, 1901, and died June 23, 1936, age thirty-four years, seven months, and twenty-six days. He had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God at Washington, D. C. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.—His pastor, Leslie Hesketh, Sr.

JONES

Ruby Jones, daughter of W. B. and Feba Jones, was born March 23, 1933 and died June 29. She was three years, three months, and three days old. Funeral service was conducted by B. H. Enix. Interment made in the Hensley cemetery, Middlesboro, Ky.

HALLMARK

The death angel visited the home of Jehu Hallmark and took away his wife. She was a loving wife, a precious mother and my dear sister. I love her.—Alma Salers, Dossville, Miss., Rt. 3.

Churchgoers Saddened By Tragedy

A successful sixteen nights' revival has just closed at Freeburn, Ky. The revival was conducted by the pastor, W. B. Webb, assisted by L. L. Hatfield. In this meeting seven were saved, six sanctified, two reclaimed, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and six added to the Church of God.

On the last night of the meeting the little vicinity of Freeburn was saddened by an accident which occurred, taking the lives of three and injuring five others who are in the hospital in a serious condition. The accident was caused by a car swerving from the highway into a group of churchgoers. Two of the people who were killed were Sisters Fanny and Pearl Johnson of Freeburn, ages thirty-seven and thirty-three years respectively. A joint funeral was conducted by the pastor, W. B. Webb. The sisters lived with their aged parents, had worked together, lived together, and were buried together. The funeral was largely attended, being held Tuesday morning, June 30th. The third victim of the tragedy was little Lois Joy Francis, four years old, also of Freeburn.—A sister, Maud Webb.

REVIVAL

GALAX, Va.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival at the Church of God at Cliffview, Va. with seven saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and nine added to the church. We praise the Lord for all this. Brother Harry Honaker was in charge. He is a good evangelist. His address is Hillsville, Va. Please pray for us.—John H. McCraw.

Unity and Love Prevailed

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—The Lord is blessing here in a wonderful way. I'm sure we are far too quiet about the greatness of the Lord. God blessed in a marvelous way in our last revival which closed July 5. Sister Anna Runion did the preaching. God blessed her in giving out His Word. There was much good done. The church was built up, the saints encouraged. A number received real Pentecostal experiences. We have had some wonderful healing. Sister Anna Daniels has been healed recently of appendicitis. She was seriously ill. Through the laying on of hands and prayer she was instantly healed.

God is wonderfully blessing in Cincinnati. There is such unity and love in the church. God seems to be drawing us together. Surely the rapture is not far away.

Brother Huff, our pastor, can surely feed our souls. He just seems to get better all the time. On June 28 fifteen were baptized in water. While being assembled on the bank a brother's child was run over by a car and thought to be seriously hurt. Prayer was offered for him at the time. The officers rushed him to the hospital where the doctors pronounced him in perfect condition. To God be all the praise for all the wonderful things that He has done for us.

Please pray for the Church of God in Cincinnati that the Spirit of God will have full control of us and direct in everything we do.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. L. Burress.

Praise God For His Blessings

SEAFORD, Del.—We thank God for His wonderful blessings He has bestowed on us as a family of satisfied children in the Church of God. There are thirteen brothers and sisters in our family, six filled with the Holy Ghost, one sanctified, and one seeking to be saved. This is the result of the training of father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Palmer. Pray for the other five sisters and brothers, that the Lord will move on their hearts and bring them to the dear old Church of God.

We had Palmer day celebration, June 28, held at home, Federalsburg, Md. Many were there and we had preaching. One of our well-known preachers, Elder J. W. Matthews, was present. This service was to show our love toward father and mother.—Lloyd T. Palmer, clerk.

Notice

The Dalton district convention of the Church of God will convene at Dalton, Ga., July 24-26. All churches on the district are expected to attend.—J. P. Green, district pastor.

REVIVALS

S. CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Brother Heaton from Calhoun, Ga. conducted a three weeks' revival for us. The Holy Ghost power was strong, some were drunken for hours. Every saint must have felt the presence of the Lord. A number were on the floor shouting at once. There was a strong convicting power and many came to the altar and found the Lord. During the revival twelve were saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and two united with the church. Brother Heaton worked hard and faithfully, and his sermons were greatly enjoyed. Large crowds attended every night.

Not only do we have good services during revivals but every service night. Our pastor, Brother Carl Cox, is a real worker for God and for the Church. It is growing fast and every one is greatly encouraged. Our Sunday School, we feel, is one of the best in the state. Pray for us that we'll continue to grow.—A sister in Christ, Miss Willie Mae Carroll.

GAFFNEY, S. C.—I praise God for the way He is blessing us here at this place. We have just closed a meeting here with our dear pastor, Brother Owens, in charge. Some were saved, sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen were baptized in water.

Brother Owens was sent here at this place by God and his work is growing. Our Y.P.E. is going over the top for Jesus. When he came here about eighteen were attending our services and now we sometimes have one hundred or more. God has set His approval on his work. We young people have our hearts in the work and are encouraged to go on. We ask all to help us pray that God will use us as He sees best.—Your sister in Jesus, Edna Easler.

LA FRANCE, S. C.—A revival has been in progress at the Church of God in La France for the past three weeks. Nineteen precious souls were saved, fourteen sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. The preaching was done by Brother J. C. Childers and our pastor, Brother Frank L. Muller. Pray that God will continue to bless.—Hortense Jones.

NORMAN, Okla.—We held a revival at Norman, Okla. in which forty were saved, twenty-three sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the Church of God. We had eight tarrying nights in the country

where we camped from services until the break of day. The devil got stirred and we had to move to the other side of town but eight got saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost the night we moved. Hallelujah!

Pray for us, we are still going on with the revival. Pray for the church that it will be an overcomer. The revival was held by Turner Hall, his family, and sister-in-law.—Janette Rose, Stockyards Sta., Oklahoma City, Okla.

We have just closed a good revival at Glamorgan, Va. Several were converted, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number baptized in water. It greatly encouraged the church, helping it to keep going forward under the efficient leadership of Brother Ed Johnson.

At this time, July 1, we are in a revival at St. Charles, Va. Do pray for the success of it and try to come over and help us. The work in general here in the state is on the upward move and we hope to be able to help it.—A brother, Marvin E. Porter, state S.S. and Y.P.E. Supt.

LAMAR, W. Va.—There is a revival now in progress at our little church at Lamar, W. Va. The sweet power of God is falling. The revival has been going on eleven nights and five have been saved, four sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost and the altar is full every night. I earnestly ask the prayers of every child of God that our meeting will be a success. Also pray a special prayer for me that I will receive the sweet Holy Ghost in this meeting. Our pastor, Brother L. B. Lyons, is doing the preaching and the Holy Ghost is bringing some wonderful messages through him. Pray for our Sunday School, it is progressing.—Your humble brother, Robert Bane, clerk.

BROADHEAD, Ky.—We have just closed a meeting here with Brother Lewis doing the preaching. The church was greatly built up spiritually but we were forced to close on account of spinal meningitis. We are under quarantine now. Seven were saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and two baptized in water. We were closed out and those who wanted to take fellowship will come in as soon as we are released. Pray for us here.—B. G. Asher, pastor.

I praise the Lord for the work here. The writer came here in April and held a several days' meeting. God gave souls for his labor. Brother Rosco Justice stopped by one or two nights and preached for us. On June 3 Brother H. O. Kirk came over and set the church in order with eight members. This church is located in a new coal field and

the outlook is good for it. Brother Jesse Sutherland is running a revival there now. Please pray for the church here.—Elliott Justice, pastor, Maxie, Va.

We closed a revival last night about four miles northeast of Brockdell, Tenn. at the Keener schoolhouse with five saved, four sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the Church of God. There was good order and very good crowds. The meeting was conducted by the writer.—Dick Lewis, Brockdell, Tenn.

Home Coming Held

A home coming was held at Oakman, Ga. and the Lord blessed from the beginning of the service to the close. The house was full and some couldn't get in. The presence of God and the power of the Holy Ghost was so real until holiness fighters confessed that it was the greatest day they ever saw. Many good songs were enjoyed in the morning, and at eleven o'clock Brother Heaton of Crane Eater delivered a message. This was surely enjoyed. I believe Brother Heaton was at his best. The Church of God quartet from Rome, Ga. was there and they did some good singing. They have a hearty welcome back to the Church of God at Oakman.

At two o'clock Brother Mitchell of Rome delivered a message. The power of God was so real. I am sure all of the saints feel like going a little further with Jesus. Thank God, I feel like making the last mile. Bless His holy name.—R. H. Davenport, pastor.

The Lord is Our Deliverer

LEMMON, S. Dak. — Dear workers for Christ, last winter about Christmas we were under a great burden concerning my husband and a large sum of money, thinking maybe he would even get a jail sentence.

It wasn't that he had done wrong but just what the devil and one of his workers wanted to pin on him. So we took Brother Garner Wilkins, who is pastor here, in confidence and told him about it. He helped us pray and we did some real praying. It was about 275 miles down to where we were having our trial which we had to attend and it about thirty degrees below zero.

It wasn't that a pleasant trip, but, thank God, when we got there and the trial got started, the judge saw how one-sided it was. Of course God had opened his eyes. He just took the matter and threw it out of court and signed a paper that it was not to be brought up again. I thank and praise God for it to-day.—Mrs. E. B. Wolf.

Praise God For a Christian Home

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—Dear readers of the Evangel, I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him for a Christian home and being saved, sanctified, and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I thank Him for His great healing power.

I was bitten by a spider June 11 and suffered almost death. Dear ones, you will certainly need God when time comes to die. You who are not ready, please don't wait too late. Now if I had not been ready I could not have prayed. You had better pray while you can. I fought death for a while but the Holy Ghost was so real. Friends, you who do not have the Holy Ghost, seek with your whole heart until you are filled with this blessing.

Please pray for me that I may be just what the Lord would have me be.—A brother in Christ, O. S. Helms.

The Lord Blessing in Our Midst

Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for the privilege of writing in behalf of His church here at North Woodville, Mich. I praise Him that I can report victory. The Lord's smile and approval is on His work here and He is rewarding His servants with souls for their hire.

We had an all-day meeting July 4 out in a grove. The Lord blessed. In the morning we had singing and prayer after which Brother Archie Cross, who has charge of the work here, delivered a very good message. After this dinner was spread.

In the afternoon we gathered again for another service in which there was singing, praying, and testimony service followed by a soul-stirring message on missions by our district overseer, Brother Arthur Anderson of White Cloud. An offering was then taken for missions. An opportunity for membership was given at the close of the service and five came forward to unite with the church. In the evening a service was held at the church. The Lord began to bless in the beginning and continued throughout the service with several at the altar seeking the Lord. The power of God fell, some danced in the Spirit, others were slain under the power of God. A message was given in tongues and interpreted, in which God promised to lead and bless us. One soul was saved and one received the Holy Ghost, and in the last two weeks two other souls were saved and another filled with the Holy Ghost.

For all these blessings we truly thank and praise our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ and give Him all the glory.

I desire the prayers of all the saints of

God for our church that it may rise and shine for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Armeline N. Cousineau, 414 S. State St., Big Rapids, Mich.

Victory Came Through Prayer

KETTLE ISLAND, Ky.—Dear saints, I thank God for all He has done for me, He saved me in the Baptist church when I was thirteen years of age. About sixteen years ago the Lord let me see the light on holiness. He sanctified me, gave me the blessed Holy Ghost, and added me to the great Church of God. Thank God.

I praise the Lord for His healing my body two years ago last March. I had different ailments all at the same time, such as gall bladder infection, liver trouble, and something like spinal meningitis. There is no Church of God close to me so we called the Free Pentecost Holiness people. When they came they prayed and held on to God in my behalf until victory came and I was healed instantly. Praise the Lord! I had not eaten anything for several days, was so weak that I could not feed myself until the night they prayed through. I rested well the rest of the night and the next morning I ate a hearty breakfast and fed myself. Thank and praise His holy name for His goodness, kindness, and mercy He bestows upon us. The Lord has healed me three times when it looked like death was at the door. I am so glad I ever found such a wonderful Savior.

I also thank the Lord for the Church of God. There isn't a Church of God in several miles of me and I don't get to attend services very often, but I am praying and trusting that I will soon be where I can be in service for God. I desire your prayers in my behalf, also pray for God to save my husband and children.—A sister in Christ, Lana Sexton.

EDITORIALS

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God, who loved me, and gave himself for me," Gal. 2:20. "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world," 1 John 4:17.

To what class of persons is this experience given? When Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them," He first described those for whom he prayed as follows: "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word

.... I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.... I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world," John 17:6, 8, 9, 14.

That the experience is for believers is evident by Paul's word to the Ephesians: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish," Eph. 5:25-27.

In addressing the Thessalonians, Paul addressed them thus: "The church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.... Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.... and ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were examples to all that believed in Macedonia and Achaia," 1 Thess. 1:4, 6, 7.

Then for these same people He prayed: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it," 1 Thess. 5:23, 24.

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I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost. Dear saints, I want you to pray a special prayer for my sister. She has been in bed a year. Pray that she may be healed. She has the precious Holy Ghost. Also pray that God will give her strength and grace enough to bear all the temptations. Pray that God will save her husband. She doesn't get to attend meeting. She wants you to pray for her that she will be healed and that God will provide a way that she can serve the Lord the way she knows the Lord wants her to. There are a few Holy-Ghost-filled people around here but we have a hard battle to fight, there are so many people against us. Pray that we will do His will and gain souls for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Maggie White Clarkrange, Tenn.

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